COMMISSION MEETING ROLL CALL

Thursday, April 27, 1995 Baton Rouge, LA Wildlife & Fisheries Building

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2 researching malfeasance charges for wildlife panelists

By JOE MACALUSO Advocate outdoors writer

Two Baton Rouge men are investigating the possibility of malfeasance charges against four members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

The commission was scheduled to meet Thursday, but could not because it lacked a quorum for the third straight time.

Only three members attended: Jeff Schneider of Ponchatoula, Lafayette's J.B. Cormier and Pete Vuinovich of New Orleans.

Recreational fishermen Will Courtney and Fred Hebert believe the continued absence of the four commissioners at regularly scheduled meetings is a violation of state law.

The seven-man LWFC has been unable to meet this month because it lacked a quorum in three attempts. State law requires the commission to meet monthly, and a minimum of four members must be present to transact business.

Absent from the three meetings were Tee John Mialjevich of Belle Chasse, Jerald Hanchey of Lafayette, Glynn Carver of Many and Perry Gisclair of Golden Meadow.

"We're checking state statutes and other regulations dealing with the commission and the appointment of these men to the commission." Courtney said. "We want to find out if there is anything wrong. If there is we're going to write a letter to District Attorney Doug Moreau to see what can be done.

Moreau could not be reached for comment.

"This commission must be able to do the business it is required to do. When they don't (attend) they aren't doing the job they were appointed to do," Courtney said.

Under state law malfeasance is committed when a public official or employees "Intentionally refuse or fail to perform any duty lawfully required of him, as such officer or employee."

Lawyers for the state said an alternative would be to seek a court order requiring them to meet. Anyone disobeying could face contempt of court charges.

The Senate also could impeach

Because the absent commissioners were appointed by Gov. Edwin Edwards, he could remove them.

Mialjevich's term expires when Edwards leaves office in January.

Gisclair, a wholesale shrimp dealer, leaves office in December 1997. Hanchey's term runs out in December 1999, and Carver's in December 2000.

"I'm very disappointed we could not meet today," said Schneider, the chairman. "I was informed that we would have a quorum today, and had every expectation that we would meet."

After the failed April 13 meeting, Schneider said he asked Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Joe Herring to poll the commissioners for a specific meeting date. "Secretary Herring told me that we had enough members committed to a meeting. The only thing I can do now is to refer to the commission's legal counsel as to what happens if we do not meet."

LWFC attorney Don Puckett said the law states that the commission "shall have a monthly meeting, but does not say what happens if they don't."

Mialjevich and Carver did not return telephone calls Thursday.

Hanchey said last week that a previously scheduled out-of-town meeting would not allow him to attend the meeting Thursday.

Gisclair, reached at his shrimp house near Leeville, said several employees failed to show up for work Thursday morning.

"Without me here, we can't work, not today" Gisclair said.

The commission has another regularly scheduled meeting set for Thursday in Thibodaux.

The key item on the agenda at that meeting is setting the opening dates for the state's inshore brown shrimp season.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION BATON ROUGE, LA April 27, 1995 10:00 AM

Roll Call

- Approval of Minutes of March 2, 1995
- 3. Louisiana Bass Hatchery Presentation of Dow Chemical Co. Sign Cooperation Between State, Industries and Volunteers L. J. Nastasi
 - Bayou State Bowhunters Association to Contribute \$1,000 for Reforestation (Habitat) Program and \$250 to Operation Game Thief Russell C. Lantier
 - 5. Aircraft Report Lee Caubarreaux
 - Public Comments on 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Regulations Hugh Bateman
 - Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent Establishing Crawfish Rules and Regulations, Sherburne WMA Kerney Sonnier
 - Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent to Close John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish) to Black Bass Fishing - Bennie Fontenot
 - Rule Ratification Black Bass Minimum Size Regulations on Eagle Lake Bennie Fontenot
 - 10. Public Comments on License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines
 - 11. National Fishing Week Resolution Bob Dennie/Paul Jackson
 - 12. Civil Restitution/Class 1 Update Wynnette Kees
 - 13. Enforcement Report/March Winton Vidrine
 - 14. Secretary's Report to the Commission Joe Herring
 - 15. Amendment of By-Laws
 - 16. Discussion of Rulemaking Procedures (Information Only) Don Puckett
 - 17. Set August 1995 Meeting Date
 - 18. Public Comments
 - 19. Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, April 27, 1995

Chairman Jeff Schneider presiding.

Peter Vujnovich Joseph B. Cormier

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Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Schneider began announcing there was not a quorum for the meeting and no action would be taken. He asked Mr. Don Puckett, since there were presentations listed on the agenda, could these presentations be made?

Bayou State Bowhunters Association to Contribute \$1,000 for Reforestation (Habitat) Program and \$250 to Operation Game Thief was made by Mr. Russell Lantier. The \$1,000 contribution was the first of five installments as part of a commitment to the Also, at least \$250 was Department for conservation efforts. pledged for the same five years for Operation Game Thief effort. Mr. Lantier then explained different projects the Bowhunters Association was involved in this year. A total of \$5,000 was committed to various organizations and projects throughout the state by the Bowhunters Association. An unidentified speaker with the Association expressed his appreciation to the Department for land acquisition and hardwood reforestation projects. Secretary Herring commented the Association has come a long way and done a lot for conservation. An outstanding thing done by the Association was the beginning of a Hall of Fame for Archers. Secretary Herring then congratulated the members of the Association and hoped to see the group continue growing.

Chairman Schneider then asked for Public Comments on 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Regulations. Commissioner Cormier asked if there was still a proposal to extend the bowhunters season? He then stated to the Bayou State Bowhunters Association how pleased he was to be able to vote for such a trial season.

There were no public comments for Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent Establishing Crawfish Rules and Regulations, Sherburne WMA; Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent to Close John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir to Black Bass Fishing; Rule Ratification for Black Bass Minimum Size Regulations on Eagle

Lake; and Public Comments on License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines.

Chairman Schneider announced the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Commission would be May 4, 1995 in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Joe L. Herring Secretary

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Public Comments on the 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Regulations began with Commissioner Cormier asking that the public comments received be provided to the other Commissioners so they would have the opportunity to review them. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated the Wildlife Division decided to alter the muzzleloader season on a statewide basis. Also, the Wildlife Division decided to reorganize the spring turkey hunting dates. The method and procedure used to set the season dates may be delayed until a later date in order to evaluate biological information and the status of the population on a statewide basis. Also, there may be a pamphlet produced on the turkey season. There were no public comments heard on this item.

Next, Chairman Schneider asked for public comments on Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent Establishing Crawfish Rules and Regulations, Sherburne WMA. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated the current regulations for the Wildlife Management Areas do not provide for commercial activities without a permit. The regulations presented would provide for a permit to take crawfish commercially when there are sufficient quantities. Again, there were no public comments heard.

Declaration of Emergency to Close John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish) to Black Bass Fishing began with Mr. Bennie Fontenot stating this was a new reservoir being constructed near Coushatta, Louisiana. The Reservoir has been stocked with 100

Florida bass that weighed between 4 to 7 pounds each. The Lake Commission passed a resolution to close the Reservoir to bass fishing to protect the broodstock for a two year period. The lake is now being lowered for dam work and would begin refilling next June. Chairman Schneider asked for public comments and none were heard.

Rule Ratification for Black Bass Minimum Size Regulations on Eagle Lake was handled by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. Eagle Lake is a border lake between Louisiana and Mississippi and a combination of agricultural practices and flood projects hurt the bass population in the lake. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks has stocked the lake and mitigation projects have improved the water quality. The closure which has been on for two years was to re-establish the bass population to 14 inches, but the fish did not grow as predicted, thus requiring an extension of one more year. Chairman Schneider asked for public comments.

Mr. Gary Clark, Louisiana Bass Federation, asked the Enforcement Division if there were any regulations for the lake now? Col. Winton Vidrine stated there were no longer any regulations for the lake. Commissioner Cormier stated he received a letter on this item and asked it be placed in the meeting folder.

Finally, Mr. Bennie Fontenot asked Mr. Arthur Williams to comment on a Notice of Intent for Black Bass Minimum Size Regulations in the Atchafalaya Basin-Lake Verret Area. In 1992, a serious fish kill occurred in the Atchafalaya Basin with numbers totalling 182,000 fish. December 1992, a 14 inch minimum was placed on largemouth bass in order to re-establish the bass population in the Atchafalaya Basin. At this time, the Department has accomplished what it set out to do, that being, to re-establish the bass population. Mr. Williams showed slides that pertained to the 1989 creel census with a no length regulation; 1990, 1991 and 1992 creel census; a combination of the 1993 and 1994 creel data; and fall electrofishing samples taken from 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994. The staff has discovered the dynamic situation in the Basin has allowed the 14 inch minimum to work where it normally would not work in a lake. Mr. Williams stated there was a possibility a 14 inch minimum would provide bass populations in the Basin equal to what they have now and still allow people to take fish home. While taking creel census in the Basin, the staff asked the fishermen how they would like to see the bass population managed after the September 30, 1995 expiration date for the 14 Mr. Williams explained the results from the 406 inch minimum. individuals surveyed. The staff proposed to the Commission the 14 inch minimum for bass in the same area of the Basin be extended for another two year period. Chairman Schneider asked for public comments.

Mr. Warren Sheets, a camp owner in Stephensville, stated he has watched the bass progress since the hurricane and the census

taken was only taken when bass tournaments were being held. He also stated he was fed up with regulations and that it was time to ease up on the regulations. He suggested a poll should be taken to see how the general public feels about the minimum length limit. If the extension was approved he said, the bass would stack up heavily below the 14 inch limit and would ruin the populations of other fish in the area.

Ms. Sue Haynie, Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs, began by reading the purpose for the Association. She then stated the Association supported the extension of the minimum length limit in the Basin. The results of the restocking in the Basin are remarkable but the extension would help the fish cross over to the 14 inch minimum which is the best brooding stage for the bass in the Basin. The Association felt the elimination of the minimum length limit would be devastating on fish below 14 inches.

Mr. L. J. Nastasi, Louisiana Bass Hatchery, supported the 14 inch limit because the fishing was better now and the children are having fun catching and releasing the fish. The important reason to support the length limit was because it was the recommendation from the biologists who are experts on this subject.

Mr. Gary Clark, Louisiana Bass Federation, supports the 14 inch limit because of the efforts by the biologists in the State.

Mr. Bob Newman supports the 14 inch limit in order to have a quality fishing experience. One problem that was known is there is not enough data to support one side or the other and the long range consequences are not known. He suggested there should be a few more observation periods in order to gather data and look at the distribution of the bass populations subsequent to the management plan.

Mr. Will Courtney, Louisiana Bass Hatchery, stated he was in support of the two year extension on the 14 inch length limit so the 1993 cohorts could grow through the 14 inch limit. He felt there was a need for a management plan for the Basin inside the levees.

Mr. Max Freeman, a bass fisherman, was in support of the 14 inch minimum limit for the years it was in effect. There are more than 500,000 people with fishing licenses and Mr. Freeman stated he has spoken to over 400 people and none wants to see the 14 inch limit in place any longer than it has to be.

Mr. Darby Landaiche, Baton Rouge Sportsman's League, was in support of the 14 inch minimum length limit for the two year extension.

Mr. Ira Bennett, Baton Rouge Better Bass and Water, stated the Department has done an excellent job in getting better populations

for the bass, bream and sac-a-lait. He also noted conservation measures needed to be implemented now so future generations would be able to fish for quality fish.

Mr. Sid Sanders, CPR Spillway, stated he was in favor of retaining the 14 inch limit. One problem with the Basin was the dynamics in the way it drains every year, which leads to thousands of small fish being caught. Another problem was with the shrinking of the water due to sediment and a lot more fishermen trying to use the Basin. Mr. Sanders then stated the Commission needed to manage and conserve the Basin for future generations.

Mr. Stan Blouin, business owner and operator totally dependent on fisheries in Atchafalaya Basin, supported the extension of the 14 inch limit for another two years.

Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated he supported the extension but for only one year and was in support of a slot limit in the Spillway. Mr. Lanctot then asked questions he had on maintaining a limit, such as, on the competition between species; and on unsustaining low water circumstances. He suggested proceeding cautiously one year at a time and added that his organization would support a more thorough and comprehensive survey of the fishermen that use the Basin.

Mr. Arthur Williams stated again the bass population would not be devastated if the minimum length was taken off. He then stated habitat management should be the Department's first concern, but we do not have the capabilities. The Department does have the capability to measure the fish populations and requested the opportunity to do it if the public approved.

Mr. Dan Brabham agreed with what Mr. Williams had stated, that it was not a matter of whether the fish would survive but a question of what user group getting what part of the resource and what size of that resource. His idea of what the Commission should do was to satisfy the resource and make sure it was protected. Mr. Brabham then referred to a 1986 survey which dealt with minimum length limits and creel limits on bass. The fish in the basin now are back to where the population was before the Hurricane. The people of the state depend on the Commission and Department to set the policies with the majority of the people in mind. Finally, Mr. Brabham urged the Commission to consider doing a scientific survey and find out what the people in the area want.

Mr. Bennie Fontenot stated a survey was completed on the public's opinion on the bass management program and the results were very favorable. The recommendation to extend the minimum length came from the staff to see if a quality fishery would develop in the Basin. The staff asked to look at the fish for two more years and see what happens with the creel surveys and monitoring. Mr. Fontenot then asked for patience from everyone

that fishes the area in order to do a "cadillac job" for the next two years. Representative Audry McCain sent Mr. Fontenot a petition with 600 names that were in support of the 14 inch minimum in the Lake Verret-Lake Palourde complex.

Mr. Anthony Coye, Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs, stated they were in support of the 14 inch minimum for the bass and the biologists. The Association also felt the forage fish would not affect the population of the bass.

Mr. Ernie Gammon, Co-Chairman of the CPR Spillway and Co-Chairman of the Black Bass Advisory Council, began explaining who the Black Bass Advisory Council are and who it is composed of. The groups concern was there would be a reversion in the success seen on the bass populations in the Basin if there was a return to the management plan used before Hurricane Andrew. Mr. Gammon then stated the responses from the 450 survey were from those tabulated to date. He then requested a two year extension on the 14 inch minimum. Mr. Gammon recognized Dr. Fred Bryan in the audience and asked for his comments on the extension.

Dr. Fred Bryan, Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, stated bass populations do respond to regulations imposed by humans for a closed system. He felt, after the Hurricane, the Basin would return to a healthy stage again. Dr. Bryan agreed with the opinions previously mentioned that the Basin was getting smaller and there are more users of the area.

Mr. Ronnie Lee, member of the East Ascension Sportsman's League, stated the Ascension Bassmasters felt the biologists were trained to know what was best and supported the 14 inch minimum for two more years.

Chairman Schneider then asked for Public Comments on License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines and none were heard.

Chairman Schneider encouraged those that made comments to come back, but also noted the comments would be given to the other members of the Commission. He then asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Commission was required by statute to hold a meeting every month? Chairman Schneider then asked Secretary Herring to contact the other Commissioners and find out what date they would be available to meet in order to meet the requirements of the law. He expressed his appreciation for everyone coming to the meeting.

Joe L. Herring Secretary

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT
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REGION I

TOTAL CASES-76

ENFORCEMENT-73

OTHER DIV. - 3

20-Boating

6-Angling W/O A License

33-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

2-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take/Poss. Spoonbill Catfish

1-Transport W/O Required License

`5-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

2-Use Illegal Length/Mesh Nets-Freshwater

1-Buying And/Or Selling Wild Quadrupeds

3-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

14 black bass.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

20-Boating Safety

52-Fishing

1-Hunting

3-Misc.

TOTAL CASES-124

ENFORCEMENT-124

OTHER _ _ 0

- 44-Boating
- 40-Angling W/O A License
 - 5-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 14-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
 - 7-Not Abiding By Rules and Regs. Of Commission
 - 2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
 - 2-Possess Live Wild Quadrupeds, Wild Birds W/O Permit
 - 2-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
 - 2-Possessing F.B.A. W/O License

CONFISCATIONS:

Raccoon, 1 bobcat.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

- 44-Boating
- 66-Fishing
 - 6-Hunting
 - 6-Federal
- 2-Trapping

TOTAL CASES-142

ENFORCEMENT-141

OTHER - 1

35-Boating

38-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

3-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

7-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

12-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Game Fish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

ì-Use Illegal Mesh Nets

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

4-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

4-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season

4-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours

3-Hunt Turkey Closed Area

1-Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

13-Criminal Trespass On State Property

3-Criminal Trespass

1-Littering

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

2-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

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REGION 3 CONT'D.

4-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

165 undersize catfish, 21 black bass, 12 white perch, 100 feet of 3 inch gill net.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

35-Boating

65-Fishing

16-Hunting

26-Misc.

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-76

ENFORCEMENT-74

OTHER DIV. - 2

- 11-Angling W/O A License
 - 1-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 19-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
 - 1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally
- 8-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.
- 9-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
- 2-Use Lead Nets In Other Than Overflow Regions
- 1-Use Illegal Mesh Nets
- 1-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish
- 2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 1-Hunt Turkey W/O Resident Big Game License
- 3-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

1 hen turkey, 4 crappie, 62 undersize catfish, 275 yards of gill net, 22 hoop nets with leads.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

- 16-Boating
- 53-Fishing
 - 4-Hunting
 - 3-WMA

TOTAL CASES-159

ENFORCEMENT-153

OTHER ___ 6

- 22-Boating
- 32-Angling W/O A License
- 8-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 3-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
- 2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
- 4-Fail To Maintain Records
- 3-Transport W/O Required License
- 4-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish
- 2-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
- 2-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit & Report Rules
- 2-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name & Address
- 10-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
 - 3-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
 - 5-Buying Or Selling Squirrel Or Rabbit
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- 10-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer W/Illegal Weapon
- 11-Buying Or Selling Deer or Meat
 - 1-Possession Of Illegally Take Deer
 - 2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
 - 2-Littering
 - 3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 10-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

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REGION 5 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

1 truck, 1 rifle.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

22-Boating

62-Fishing

69-Hunting

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TOTAL CASES-95

ENFORCEMENT-94

OTHER - 1

37-Boating

24-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

16-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take Or Poss. Undersize Black Bass

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm.Gear License

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.

1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

1-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

2-Hunt Turkey W/O Resident Big Game License

1-Hunt Turkey W/O Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

3 bass

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

37-Boating

52-Fishing

5-Hunting

1-Misc.

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TOTAL CASES-96

ENFORCEMENT-89

OTHER DIV. - 7

- 13-Boating
- 44-Angling W/O A License
 - 2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 16-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
 - 2-Angling W/O Saltwater License
 - 1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm.Lic.
 - 1-Hunting W/O Resident License
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 - 1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Levee Road
 - 1-Buying Or Selling Deer
 - 2-Hunt Turkey Closed Season
 - 4-Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
 - 2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
 - 1-Littering
 - 2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
 - 2-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

1 turkey, 4 shotguns, 140 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$310.00.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

- 13-Boating 7-Other
- 65-Fishing
- 11-Hunting

TOTAL CASES-164

ENFORCEMENT-161

OTHER _ _ 3

- 32-Boating
- 23-Angling W/O A License
 - 9-Angling W/o A License Non-Resident
 - 3-Angling W/O Saltwater License
 - 1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally
 - 5-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum
 - 3-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
 - 1-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum
 - 1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Poss.
 - 6-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm.Lic.
 - 4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.
 - 3-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
 - 3-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.
 - 4-Fail To Maintain Records
 - 1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish
 - 7-Leave Nets Unattended
 - 1-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish
 - 1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman
 - 1-Blocking Passage Of Fish
 - 2-Allow Another To Use Commercial Lic.
 - 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
 - 3-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
 - 5-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

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REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 17-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs
 - 1-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit And Report Rules
 - 2-Poss. Red Drum Illegally w/Seine, Gillnet, Trammel
 Or Hoop Net
 - 1-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
 - 1-Take Oysters from Unapproved Area
 - 1-Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
- 1-Possession Of Untagged Oysters
- 1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 1-Lake Catherine & Lake Ponchartrain/Closed Or Restricted Areas
- 1-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 3-Littering
- 3-Violation Of Sanitation Code
- 2-Trespass On Property After Forbidden
- 1-Possess Federally Controlled Fish In Closed Season

CONFISCATIONS:

16,150 feet of gill net, 7 red fish, 1 crappie, 20 sacks of oysters.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

- 48-Sport Fishing
- 9-Misc.
- 68-Commercial Fishing
 - 5-Oyster
 - 1-Hunting
- 32-Boating

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TOTAL CASES-185

ENFORCEMENT-184

OTHER - 1

49-Boating

- 2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 1-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
- 28-Angling W/O A License
 - 1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
 - 9-Angling W/O A Saltwater License
- 4-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Game Fish
- 3-take Illegal Size Black Bass
- 2-Take Or Poss. Undersize Black Drum
- 2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
- 1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
- 1-Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession
- 1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License
- 3-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
- 1-Fail To Maintain Records
- 1-Transport W/O Required License
- 2-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish
- 1-Blocking Passage Of Fish
- 14-Fail To Mark Softshell Crab Container
 - 1-Use Illegal Length Mesh Nets
 - 1-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit & Report Rules
- 19-Possess Undersized Crabs
- 36-Sell Undersize Crabs

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REGION 9 CONT'D.

1-Littering

1-Refuse/Misrepresent Booking Information

CONFISCATIONS:

12,500 lbs. of crabs released-to-water, 11 bass, 5 choupique, 2 sac-a-lait, 10 speckled trout, 113 lb.s of catfish sold for \$56.50, 3 red drum, 3 shotshell crabs, 30 feet of gill net.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

49-Boating

134-Fishing

2-Misc.

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STATE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-38

- 5-Boating
- 14-Angling W/O A License
- 2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 1-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic. Non-Resident
- 1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass
- 1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.
- 2-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
- 1-Sell Undersize Crabs
- 3-Trawling In Closed Season
- 1-Littering
- 2-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish
- 1-Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season

CONFISCATIONS:

2,000 lbs. undersize crabs, 75 lbs. shrimp sold for \$245.00, 300 feet of unattended gill net.

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-12

- 1-Angling W/O Basic License
- 1-No Commercial License
- 1-No Gear License
- 1-No Vessel License
- 1-Fail To Maintain Records
- 3-Possession Undersize Crabs
- 1-No Harvest License
- 2-Sanitation Code No Vessel Tarp
- 1-Misbranded Foods

CONFISCATIONS:

75 sacks of oysters, 11 boxes of crabs, 8-32 ounce containers of oysters-dumped.

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S.W.E.P.

BOATING HOURS-145

BOATS CHECKED-103

CITATIONS - 37

- 6-Trawling In Closed Season
- 5-Angling W/O A License
- 1-Angling W/O Saltwater License
- 1-Failure To Comply With Shark Permit
- 1-Take Federally Controlled Fish In Closed Season
- 2-Take Undersize Red Snapper
- 1-No Commercial Gear License
- 2-No Boat Registration Certificate
- 1-No P.F.D.
- 3-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
- 2-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 1-Failure To Display Proper Decal#'s
- 1-Take/Possess Red Fish Illegally
- 1-Take Game Fish Illegally
- 1-Possess Outboard/Boat W/Serial# Removed
- 1-Possess Stolen Property Over \$500.00
- 1-File False Application

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S.W.E.P. CONT'D.

1-Littering

1-Fail To Display Number On Vessel

CONFISCATIONS:

4 trawls, 898 lbs. of shrimp sold for 2,715.20, 2,400 feet of unattended gill net, 3,661 lbs. of fish sold for \$19,939.10.

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-1093

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 24

TOTAL CASES SSFORCE - 38

TOTAL CASES OSFORCE - 12

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 37

GRAND TOTAL -1154

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring Secretary



CONTACT (504) 765-292

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4/21/95

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING SET FOR APRIL 27

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will conduct its April meeting on Thursday, April 27, 1995, at 10 a.m. This is a re-scheduled meeting called as a result of failure to have a quorum of Commissioners at two previous meetings earlier this month. State law declares that the Commission must meet monthly, and the April 27 meeting has been called to meet that requirement.

The re-scheduled meeting will convene in the Louisiana Room at Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Approval of minutes of March 2, 1995, meeting.
- 3. Louisiana Bass Hatchery presentation of Dow Chemical Co. sign in recognition of cooperation between state industries and volunteers.
- 4. Bayou State Bowhunters Association contribution for reforestation program and to Operation Game Thief.
- 5. Aircraft report.
- 6. Public comments on 1995-96 hunting season regulations for resident game.
- 7. Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent: crawfish rules and regulations on Sherburne Wildlife Management Area.
- 8. Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent: close John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish) to black bass fishing.
- 9. Ratification: black bass minimum size regulations on Eagle Lake.
- 10. Public comments on proposed license moratorium for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets, and seines.
- 11. Resolution: National Fishing Week in Louisiana.
- 12. Civil restitution and class 1 update.
- 13. Enforcement report/March.
- 14. Secretary's report to the Commission.
- 15. Amendment of by-laws.
- 16. Discussion of rule-making procedures (information only).
- 17. Set August 1995 meeting date.
- 18. Public comments.
- 19. Adjourn.

April 17, 1995 NEWS RELEASE

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been rescheduled by the Commission for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 27, 1995, in the Louisiana Room, Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

1. Roll Call

- Approval of Minutes of March 2, 1995
- Louisiana Bass Hatchery Presentation of Dow Chemical Co. 3.
- Sign Cooperation Between State Industries and Volunteers

 August Report (Habet) Program August Contract

 Thirty Report (Habet) Program August 250 Operation Contract

 Thirty Reserved Contract

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- 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Public Comments on Regulations
- Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent Establishing Crawfish Rules and Regulations, Sherburne 罗.
- Declaration of Emergency χ^{-} Close John K. Kelly-Grand V. Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish) to Black Bass Fishing
- Rule Ratification Black Bass Minimum Size Regulations on Eagle Lake
- Notice of Intent Black Bass Minimum Size Regulations in D. the Atchafalaya Basin-Lake Verret Area
- Public Comments on License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill ¥0. Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines
- National Fishing Week Resolution 12-
- 1**3**7. Civil Restitution/Class 1 Update
- 14. Enforcement Report/March
- 14. Secretary's Report to the Commission
- 13. Amendment of By-Laws
- Discussion of Rulemaking Procedures (Information Only) 167.
- 1 %. Set August 1995 Meeting Date
- 16%. Public Comments
- 20. Adjourn

April 17, 1995

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED:			

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1. Roll Call

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- 2. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 1995
- 3. Louisiana Bass Hatchery Presentation of Dow Chemical Co. Sign Cooperation Between State Industries and Volunteers
- 4. Bayou State Bowhunters Association to Contribute \$1,000 for Reforestation (Habitat) Program and \$250 to Operation Game Thief
- 5. Aircraft Report
- 6. Public Comments on 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Regulations
- 7. Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent Establishing Crawfish Rules and Regulations, Sherburne WMA
- 8. Declaration of Emergency Close John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish) to Black Bass Fishing
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- 18. Set August 1995 Meeting Date
- 19. Public Comments
- 20. Adjourn

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring Secretary



CONTACT (504) 765-2923

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4/7/95

APRIL WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING RE-SCHEDULED

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission re-scheduled its monthly meeting for Thursday, April 13, 1995. The meeting originally scheduled for April 6 was canceled because a quorum of Commissioners was not present.

The re-scheduled meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the Louisiana Room at Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Approval of minutes of March 2, 1995, meeting.
- 3. Aircraft report.
- 4. Public comments on 1995-96 hunting season regulations for resident game.
- 5. Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent: crawfish rules and regulations on Sherburne Wildlife Management Area.
- 6. Declaration of Emergency: close John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish) to black bass fishing.
- 7. Ratification: black bass minimum size regulations on Eagle Lake.
- 8. Notice of Intent: black bass minimum size regulations in the Atchafalaya Basin/Lake Verret area.
- 9. Public comments on license moratorium for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets, and seines.
- 10. Resolution: National Fishing Week in Louisiana.
- 11. Civil restitution and class 1 update.
- 12. Enforcement report/March.
- 13. Secretary's report to the Commission.
- 14. Amendment of by-laws.
- 15. Discussion of rulemaking procedures (information only).
- 16. Set August 1995 meeting date.
- 17. Public comments.

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AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION BATON ROUGE, LA April 13, 1995 10:00 AM

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 1995
- 3. Aircraft Report Lee Caubarreaux
- Public Comments on 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Regulations Hugh Bateman
- Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent Establishing Crawfish Rules and Regulations, Sherburne WMA - Kerney Sonnier
- Declaration of Emergency Close John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish) to Black Bass Fishing - Bennie Fontenot
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 - 11. Civil Restitution/Class 1 Update Wynnette Kees
 - 12. Enforcement Report/March Winton Vidrine
 - 13. Secretary's Report to the Commission Joe Herring
 - 14. Amendment of By-Laws
 - 15. Discussion of Rulemaking Procedures (Information Only) Don Puckett
 - 16. Set August 1995 Meeting Date
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FAX - agenda Will Countney La. Bass Hatcheries April 6, 1995

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APPROVED:

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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- 18. Adjourn

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring Secretary



CONTACT (504) 765-2923

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4/4/95

APRIL WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION AGENDA REVISED

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has revised the agenda for its next regular meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 1995, at 10 a.m. in the Louisiana Room at Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La.

The meeting is open to the public. The revised agenda follows.

- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Approval of minutes of March 2, 1995, meeting.
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- 4. Public comments on 1995-96 hunting season regulations for resident game.
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- 14. Amendment of by-laws.
- 15. Set August 1995 meeting date.
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- 17. Adjourn.

April 4, 1995

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED:

AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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Joe L. Herring Secretary



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3/31/95

APRIL WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING ANNOUNCED

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March 28, 1995

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Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

March 28, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM:

Joe L. Herring, Secretary

RE:

April Board Meeting Agenda

The next regular public board meeting as set by the Commission will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 6, 1995, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following will be on the agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 1995

LEE CAUBARREAUX

- 2. Aircraft Report
- 3. Public Comments on 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Regulations
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CORKY PERRET

- 5. Rule Ratification Black Bass Minimum Size Regulations on Eagle Lake
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7. Public Comments on License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines

BOB DENNIE

8. National Fishing Week Resolution

WYNNETTE KEES

9. Civil Restitution/Class 1 Update

WINTON VIDRINE

10. Enforcement Report/March

JOE HERRING

- 11. Secretary's Report to the Commission
- 12. Amendment of By-Laws
- 13. Set August 1995 Meeting Date
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JLH:sch

C: Clyde Kimball
Fred Prejean
Lee Caubarreaux
Corky Perret
Don Puckett
John Medica
Division Chiefs

Received verbal
approval - 3:13p.m.
3/28/95 from Perry

TO: Perry Gisclair

Chairman

FAX#

FROM Susan Hawkins

RE: Commission Agenda _____

FAX TRANSMITTAL

Please review the attached agenda for the April 6th Commission Meeting and let me know if okay. Thank you.

DATE: March 22, 1995

TIME SENT ______

FOR INFORMATION CALL (504) 765- 2806

OUR FAX # (504) 765-2607

PAGES TO FOLLOW _____2

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

RE: April Board Meeting Agenda

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C: Clyde Kimball
Fred Prejean
Lee Caubarreaux
Corky Perret
Don Puckett
John Medica
Division Chiefs

State of Louisiana

Joe L. Herring Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Post Office Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 (504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards Governor

March 2, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-

Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of

Fisheries

FROM:

Joe L. Herring, Secretary

SUBJECT:

Commission Meeting Agenda - April 6, 1995

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Thursday, March 16th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, April 6th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on April If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JLH/sch

Commissioners cc:

Don Puckett Bob Dennie Winton Vidrine Hugh Bateman 🗸 Johnnie Tarver Bennie Fontenot John Roussel Wynnette Kees Karl Turner

Wildlife Division

1 - Pathic Hearing, 1995-94 Resident Come Hunting Regulations - H. Botiman 2-Emergency Notice of Intent, Geneficial Roles and Regulations, Sherburne WMA - K. Sonnier

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DIVISION

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Edwin W. Edwards Governor

March 2, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-

Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of

Fisheries

FROM:

Joe L. Herring, Secretary-

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The items to be placed on the agenda for the Inland Fisheries Division at the April 6, 1995 meeting are:

- 1. Rule Ratification: Black Bass Minimum
 Size Regulation on Eagle Lake
- 2. Notice of Intent: Black Bass Minimum Size Regulation in the Atchafalaya Basin and Lake Verret Area.

Bennie J. Kontenot, Jr.



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State wildlife panel member blasts no-shows

Advocate outdoors writer BY JOE MACALUSO

y meeting was called off because only two members member of the seven-man Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission fired andry words at some other commissioners Thursday after the LWFC's regular monthJ.B. Cormier of Lafayette said the five absent members were boycotting the meeting. At least four must be present for a meeting to proceed.

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Schneider as commission chairman and Cormier as vice McDonald's ruling late Wednesday that reinstated the results of the December 1994 election of Ponchatoula's Jeff' Cormier was referring to state District Judge Mike

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y elected at the December meeting, and that Gisclair and District Attorney, Doug Moreau sued Gisclair and Carve in March, contending Schneider and Cormier were proper Carver were serving illegally.

Trial testimony indicated Mialjevich disputed the Jones, whose six-year term expired Dec. 10, 1994, offered a December vote. He claimed former commissioner Bert 'substitute nomination" of Schneider and Cormier after

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5 don't attend

wildlife panel

Mialjevich had nominated Vujnovich

meeting again

Mialjevich said Jones' wording and vote that followed both were flawed and that a valid election did not McDonald said the basis for his rulng was that commissioners knew what they were voting on in Decem-

was preparing to appeal McDonald's Contacted near Leeville Thursday, Judge Charles Roberts, who repre-Gisclair said former state District sented Gisclair and Carver in court,

"It was not my intention to boycott

getting home after midnight and fatigue also played a part in his not returning to Baton Rouge Thursday

gruntled after the trial," Gisclair said. "I called his wife, on my way "I know Mr. Mialjevich was dis-

the commission, that we are inferior

human beings. If we were in Nazi Germany.

they'd be right up there with: Adolf.

"They (the recreational representatives) believe they are the only ones who can run

a former shrimper, was appointed by Gov.

Edwin Edwards in Jaijuary 1992 🗟 🔭

Vujnovich, 73, said he was tired afer spending Tuesday and Wednesday in Baton Rouge.

until 1 in the morning and I got up at + "I was tired. I didn't get to sleep 4:30. It was not worth it making the Vujnovich said, "Besides, my wife had been running the business for trip and fall asleep at the wheel two days and I needed to be here.

ing for 10 a.m. April 13 at Department of Wildlife and Fisheries head Schneider rescheduled the meet quarters on Quail Drive.

Gisclair, Hanchey and Vujnovich The commission missed the chance said they would attend.

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Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries

Advocate outdoors writer By JOE MACALUSO

Mialjevich was among five commissioners!

ship are resolved.

who missed the second scheduled meeting this month. The same five did not attend a The dispute over the leadership positions recreational and commercial interests represented on the commission. Mialjevich.

meeting last Thursday either.

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Donald's ruling was a factor. He said However, he acknowledged later that his disagreement with Mcthe meeting," Gisclair said.

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sion."

Schneider is the only one of the people named by Mialjevich to still be on the LWFC.

"We are supposed to be fair to recreational and commercial interests on the commission, but since I've been on the commission, there have been three guys whose attitude was they are better than we (the commercial representatives) are," Mialjevich said.

"This issue has to be settled. When it is, then, win or lose, we'll go back to the meeting with a clean slate."

The "issue" for Mialjevich is an April 5 ruling by state District Judge Mike McDonald that upheld the December election of Schneider as chairman and Cormier as vice chairman. Mialjevich contested their election.

McDonald's decision overturned the LWFC's election in January of

Gisclair as chairman and Carver as vice chairman.

The five who voted to overturn the December election results were the same commissioners who did not appear at both meetings.

Gisclair and Vujnovich said Wednesday they would not attend the meeting because they needed to be at their respective shrimp and oyster businesses Holy Thursday and today.

"It's a very busy time during Holy Week," Vujnovich said. "My wife can't run our business alone."

Hanchey said he did not receive official notification of the meeting Thursday.

He said he could not attend because of prior commitments. He refused to elaborate.

Carver did not return calls.

Bill Roberts, an attorney who represented Gisclair and Carver during the April 5 trial, said he is appealing. Roberts said the appellate court turned down his initial appeal for a stay of McDonald's order that returned Schneider and Cormier to the commission's posts.

District Attorney Doug Moreau filed the lawsuit to reinstate the December election results after Schneider contacted him.

Roberts said he contends Moreau "did not have the authority to bring this kind of action.

"We will try to get a court ruling as soon as possible," Roberts said.

Mialjevich said he resented Mc-Donald's ruling.

He said when the LWFC voted 5-2 to overturn the election at the January meeting, "It should have been an indication that nobody but themselves wanted them to be in those positions."

Mialjevich said the lawsuit showed the "greed of these radical recreational people.

"I do not like greed. It's a deadly sin. Maybe they'll have it their way right now, but they'll have to face a higher judge one day, and then they won't have a Republican DA or a Republican judge to get it overturned."

Schneider insisted all he did was present "the facts of what happened at these commission meetings" to Moreau.

"I felt like the people of the state need representation, so I asked if he would get involved," Schneider said. "Doug Moreau made the decision to file the lawsuit, not me. He took the ball and ran with it."

Schneider said he asked Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Joe Herring to poll the commissioners for another April meeting date.

"State law demands we have a meeting once a month: Whatever date we can get a quorum (at least four commissioners), we'll advertise that date and we'll meet," Schneider said.

Public heard despite lack of quorum

By JOE MACALUSO

Advocate outdoors writer

The two members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission who showed up for a meeting Thursday listened to public comment on four items even though they could not take any action.

LWFC Chairman Jeff Schneider and Vice Chairman J.B. Cormier attended. The other five members did not.

Several dozen members of the public showed up to comment on a proposed two-year extension of the 14-inch minimum size on black bass taken from the Atchafalaya Basin/Lake Verret areas.

Inland Fisheries Division administrator Bennie Fontenot told the group that surveys of basin fishermen indicated a preference for extending the 14-inch limit beyond its Sept. 30 expiration date.

Fontenot said the massive fish kill caused by Hurricane Andrew throughout this area gives Wildlife and Fisheries and LSU fisheries biologists a "once-in-a-lifetime chance to study these fish and other species in the basin. We don't want to lose this chance."

Stephensville camp owner Warren Sheets opposed the extension

He said fellow camp owners are against the 14inch limit because there are lots of fish in the system and taking only 14-inch or longer bass could hurt other fish populations.

"For me, there are just too many regulations now. It's time to ease some of the restrictions," Sheets said.

The Baton Rouge and East Ascension sportsmen's leagues, the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs, the Louisiana Bass Hatchery, the Louisiana B.A.S.S. Federation and Citizens Program to Restock the Spillway also supported the extension.

Wildlife Division administrator Hugh Bateman said his staff is considering two changes to the proposed resident hunting seasons announced in March.

The first change would be to make the special nine-day muzzleloader-only season a statewide season, instead of in selected areas.

The second would be to wait until later in the year to set the spring turkey hunting dates, to allow the staff to improve its evaluation of the conditions for the next season. Currently, turkey dates are set in July for the following March.



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Schneider, Cormier get LWFC posts

By JOH MACALUSO dvocate outdoors writer

Vildlife and Fisheries Commission meets esume their respective duties as chairman nd vice-chairman when the Louisiana Jeff Schneider and J.B. Cormier will

in 19th District Court. late Wednesday night that the December election of Schneider and Cormier was valid. The ruling came after a day-long tria District Judge J. Michael McDonald ruled

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case for Schneider and Cormier. The suit contended Gisclair and Carver were servand LWFC by-laws. ing in their posts in violation of state law Moreau and Stanford Bardwell took up the East Baton Rouge District Attorney Doug

not say if an appeal would be filed. resented Gisclair and Carver. Roberts did Edwin Edwards during his first term, rep who served as executive counsel for Gov Former district judge Charles Roberts,

Cormier were properly elected at the testimony from several witnesses, Commission member Tee John Mialjevich LWFC's Dec. 1, 1894 meeting. According to Moreau contended Schneider and

> disputed the vote within days after the December meeting. Mialjevich's contention was that now former commission member Mialjevich had nominated New Orleans and the subsequent vote on the nominaoysterman Pete Vujnovich for chairman. ions were flawed and that no election had dialjevich contended that Jones' wording ion" of Schneider and Cormier after lert Jones offered a "substitute nomina-

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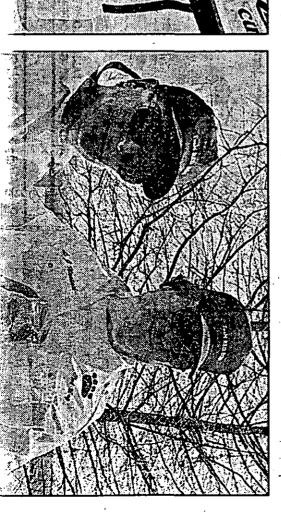
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Miallevich urged him to get a second opin-Gisclair and Carver to the positions. neider and Cormier objecting, voted ing. That second parliamentarian dis--on which was produced at the Jan. 5 meetin his first meeting, voted 5-2 to allow: agreed, and the LWFC, with Carver serving. nother vote. A 5-2 vote, with only Sch-

Headquarters on Quail Drive .m. today at Wildlife and Fisheries. The meeting is scheduled to convene at 10 in

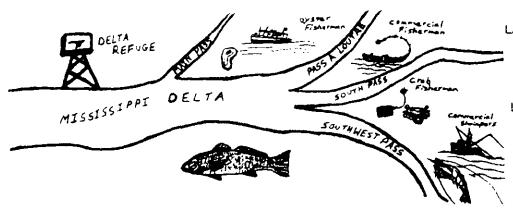




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DELTA COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

April 4, 1995

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RE: RED FISH STATUS

Dear Commissioner:

The Delta Commercial Fisheries Association would like to go on record regarding the unjust decision commercial fishermen received on the red fish allocation in the meeting of 2/9/95 of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

According to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries guidelines "If changes are to be required, these increases and decreases are to be distrubuted among <u>ALL</u> fishermen in a fair and equitable manner that considers among other factors historical usage ensuring that no historical user groups will be arbitarily excluded".

The Saltwater Fishery Standards state that "if it becomes necessary to allocate or assign fishing privileges among various fishermen such allocations to the extent practicable shall be fair and equitable to all such fishermen, Reasonably calculated to promote conservation, Carried out in such a manner that no particular individual, corporation, or other legal entity acquired an excessive share of such privileges, In the best interest of the citizens of Louisiana".

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Commissioner Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

We agreed that conservaton measures were necessary and needed to be enforced over this past seven (7) year period. But according to all biological data, the red fish population is back and on a definite increase. The Times Picayune could not have stated more eloquently the status of the red fish in the State of Louisiana. I would appreciate you reading this, if you have not done so already (a copy is enclosed for your review). Conservation guidelines still have to be followed but unfairly one user group has had total apportion of this privilege.

The judgement not to re-open red fish to the commercial sector is clearly evident that the commercial fishermen who are fighting for their livelihood, were not treated fairly. fishing sector received all the rights whereby the commercial sector had none. It is our understanding that the decision was based on data of the off-shore stock of the bull red and the National Marine Fisheries and Gulf of Mexico Management Council has not surveyed the off-shore stock since 1993 due to lack of funds but hope to survey this fall (1995). commercial fishermen are of the understanding that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is to use data collected in state waters NOT Gulf of Mexico. We feel your board is neglectful in their duties in not following the guidelines dictating that the best scientific data available should be sufficient to satisfy the status of the stock. A 30% escapement rate was required to satisfy a re-opening of the red fish. This state has more than doubled that quota with a 70% escapement rate.

Please notice that 100% of the red fish and 85% of the trout landed in the state are landed by sport fishermen. This notice behind the sport fishing industry's so called "concern" is not conservation but greed! It is plain to see that their goal is to allocate all marine fisheries resources to one user group and to exclude consumers, who do not fish from affordable access to these resources.

The end result of this inequal treatment would only produce a man-induced destruction of the commercial fishing industry.

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Commissioner Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

The commercial fishermen of Louisiana have chosed to congregate and join a state wide battle to fight for their rights. Our goal is to produce a plan whereby the commercial fishermen can continue to work without placing pressure on the resource base and without infringing on the rights and privleges of other user groups.

The commercial fishermen were told at the meeting on 2/9/95 that since we did not have a plan to put forth, that enforcement division of WL&F could work with, the ruling would stand as is. We have tried to introduce several plans to the commission but with no success. Historical AND Statutory Notes #638.5 states "The commission shall adopt such rules and regulations, consistent with the authority granted by this Chapter, and in accordance with the administrative Procedure Act for the harvesting, conservation, and management of all species of salt water finfish", it goes on to list standards, which we feel you know, if not please refer to this Statute. We feel that since the board has rejected all plans put forth by the commercial fishing sector the burden lies on the shoulders of the board to compromise with all user groups and develop a plan satisfactory to ALL user groups.

At a seminar on finfish held on March 25,1995 we have been informed of another set-back for the commercial fishermen. to pressure set forth by the sport fishermen the National Marine Fisheries and the Gulf of Mexico Management Council have delayed the Gulf of Mexico red bull fish stock assessment and will use the money appropriated for this assessment to make an assessment of the red snapper stock. We agree that the red fish is just as important as the red snapper to both user groups. We cannot just sit back and let the pressure of one user group determine what should be done. The red snapper has a good management plan, it is the sport fishermen that are in disagreement because they received an increase in size limit they can catch. we urge this board to write to the Gulf of Mexico Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries on behalf of the commercial fishermen of this state and to do what was planned, also what is right. We have sat back for too many years now to let this greed and one user group have all the rights. Where does committment lay? Apparently only on the side of greed and money.

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Commissioner
Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

We are also asking all commercial fishermen to write to everyone involved and get what has been promised to us as well as what is rightfully ours.

Let us face the fact that DATA, in particular BIOLOGICAL DATA, must manage over politics.

In the meantime, we propose that the board continue to press the issues of a mortorium on licenses and a limited entry program.

Sincerely,

Lawrence "Brother" Stipelcovich President

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Commercial anglers want shot now that numbers are strong

Phil Robichaux is a sportsfishing guide, but his words could have come from almost any coastal angler.

"When I hear them talk about reopening redfish to commercial fishing, my blood starts to boil," Robichaux said.

Well, get out the ice packs and smelling salts. Thursday, the state Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will make its annual review of gamefish status for redfish. The usual crowd will be there, and there probably will be the usual name-calling—commercials claiming sports are millionaire fish hogs who want to put working folks on the bread line; sports claiming commercials are mindless slaughterers of a holy resource.

But the relevant themes to follow in Thursday's slugfest will include:

- ▶ For the second year in a tow state researchers say the species is abundant enough to increase the harvest.
- ▶ Federal scientists continue to argue that increasing the harvest would be risky.
- ▶ The Commission listening this year has a different face. The coup d'etat engineered by the governor's office last month handed chairmanship of the panel to commercial fisherman for the first time in eight years—and the solid four-vote majority recreational forces used to keep commercials out of the fishery may be gone.

Some anglers are angry the issue even is being discussed, but the commission has no choice. The law that gave the species gamefish status in 1990 also included a provision that requires the following annual ritual:

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries must present the commission with a report on the status of the resource. The report must state if there are enough redfish to increase the harvest level and, if so, the biologists must present sample scenarios for dividing the fish between the recreational and commercial sectors.



▶ The Commission must then send a report to the Legislature on March 1 explaining if gamefish status should be continued. Only the Legislature can remove gamefish status, but the Commission's action obviously will be influential, especially in committee meetings.

Redfish became an issue in the mid-1980s when researchers revealed the species was being fished to the point of collapse. Reds live in the marsh until they become sexually mature, about five years. They then migrate offshore to join the spawning stock, where they live to about 25 to 30 years. Before 1986 there was no limit on the commercial take, and recreationals had a 50-fish daily limit with no minimum size.

Research showed offshore purse seiners were putting big dents in the open-Gulf spawning stock, while inshore fishermen — both sport and commercial — were fairly wiping out the young fish in the marsh.

Scientists said if the species were to remain abundant enough to support fishing, at least 20 percent of each spawning class had to live long enough to join the spawning stock. In 1986, that "escapement rate" was below 8 percent.

Faced with an emergency, agencies instituted a two-tiered plan to bring the species back to health. The federal government closed all fishing in offshore waters to protect the spawners, while the states moved to limit the inshore catch by imposing a conservation goal of 30 percent escapement. This was achieved by a temporary ban on commercial fishing and limiting sports to five fish a day, with a 16-inch minimum size and one fish longer than 27 inches.

These are not recommendations by the Department. We are required by law to present scenarios, but we're not making any proposals. The only recommendation we do make is that should fishing be reopened, that the decision-makers not choose the 30 percent escapement scenario. We feel that would be cutting (the conservation effort) too thin.

> HARRY STANCHET Department of Wildlife and Flaherten;

In 1990, the gamefish law extended the commercial closure.

What the commission will hear Thursday from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is, indeed, good news for everyone: The plan is working, at least inshore.

Research shows that for escapement has averaged about 70 percent during the last five years. This has occurred during a time when recruitment — the success of the spawning classes — has been exceptionally high. The result: We've got plenty of young fish in the marsh, recreational fishing has been excellent, and the conservation standard of 30 percent escapement has been doubled.

As required by law, the DWF listed allocation scenarios for increased harvest rates — should the commission or Legislature decide to reopen commercial fishing. The scenarios show what the split would be as fishing pressure reduced the escapement rate to 60, 50, 40 or 30 percent.

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"These are not recommendations by the Department," said Harry Blanchet, manager of coastal finfish programs. "We are required by law to present scenarios, but we're not making any proposals.

"The only recommendation we do make is that, should fishing be reopened, that the decision-makers not choose the 30 percent escapement scenario. We feel that would be cutting (conservation effort) too thin."

That all leads commercial fishermen to ask the obvious: If reds are doing so well, why can't we fish, too?

Opponents have a long list of answers. Some of the most convincing:

▶ Other state and federal agencies have cautioned against changing Louisiana's regulations.

Most important of these comes from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, the federally appointed board of fishermen and scientists that advises the Department of Commerce on Gulf fishing. Its Red Drum Stock Assessement Panel, chaired by LSU researcher Richard Condrey, unanimously voted to urge no change in regulations. The panel is concerned that information on the offshore spawning stock is insufficient to determine if that critical component of the resource has sufficiently healed

from overfishing. Further, its available research shows the spawning stock has not achieved its conservation standard.

"My concern is that portions of your document might be misinterpreted to suggest that a reduction in current conservation measures would be appropriate," Condrey wrote the DWF. "While the stocks appear to be recovering, it is the unanimous recommendation of the Red Drum Stock Assessment Panel that we hold a steady course and resist all efforts to reduce current conservation measures until it is clear that the stocks are in an equilibrium state of recovery."

- ► Commercial fishermen have yet to propose a system of regulation that would ensure public confidence a quota was not being exceeded by illegal operations. Last year, the DWF Enforcement Division said it could not, with available resources, adequately police a commercial fishery on redfish.
- ▶ There is no pressing need for these fish in the market place. Consumers in the home and at restaurants have shifted to other species, such as black drum. Why change a system that's working, especially in the face of serious doubts by independent boards?

We'll know the commission's answer Thursday. I don't envy them in this vote.

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